



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 447
[2005 Senate Bill 575]

Cash Bail Used for Restitution

Prior to the enactment of 2005 Wisconsin Act 447, Wisconsin law provided that when the conditions of bail had not been met, or if a defendant was convicted of a crime, cash bail would be used for the payment of costs, forfeitures, or fines.

Act 447 provides that the proceeds of cash bail first will be used to provide restitution to a crime victim before it is used for other statutory purposes.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on June 6, 2006 and first applies to cash deposits made on June 6, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.